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SUBJECT: AIFLD CAMPOS DETAINED BY PROVINCIAL POLICE

1. LOCAL PLAIN-CLOTHED AND UNIFORMED POLICE DETAINED AND INTERROGATED U.S. CITIZEN AND AIFLD COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOSEPH CAMPOS, A US EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND TWO CHILEAN LABOR LEADERS (DINAMICOS) MID AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 3 IN CONCEPCION. FOUR WERE IN CONCEPCION TO ATTEND PUBLIC DINNER SATURDAY EVENING IN HONOR OF DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION LEADERS-- WHICH HOWEVER HAD BEEN CANCELLED BY LOCAL GOVERNOR THAT MORNING. CAMPOS WAS ON HIS WAY TO HIS HOTEL IN OFFICIAL A.I. D. VEHICLE WHEN DETAINED. POLICE RELEASED CAMPOS, ANTONIO MIMIZA, PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN PETROLEUM WORKERS, MANUEL BUSTOS, PRESIDENT OF SUMAR TEXTILE WORKERS AND JORGE CASTILLO, US EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE TWO HOURS LATER AFTER SEARCHING VEHICLE AND QUESTIONING EACH PERSON SEPARATELY. POLICE ACTED PROFESSIONALLY BUT REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND STATED THAT THEY WERE UNDER ORDERS TO INTERROGATE CAMPOS AND SEARCH VEHICLE. POLICE CONFISCATED A COPY
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OF A LETTER SENT BY THE DINAMICOS TO THE GOC REQUESTING A RAPID RESTORATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM.

2. PICK UP WAS MADE BY A UNIFORMED CARABINERO MAJOR IN UNMARKED CAR ALLEGEDLY FOR SPEEDING. MAJOR IGNORED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PLATED ON VEHICLE AND ORDERED UNIFORMED POLICE AND PLAINSCLOTHESMEN TO TAKE OCCUPANTS

TO POLICE STATION. CAMPOS FORMALLY PROTESTED SEARCH OF OFFICIAL VEHICLE. GROUPS WAS RELEASED WITHOUT EXPLANATION APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR FORTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER ARRIVAL AT STATION.

3. COMMENT: CAMPOS BELIEVES, AND WE AGREE, THAT DETENTION WAS INTENDED TO HARASS AND PERHAPS FRIGHTEN TRADE UNION LEADERS GATHERED IN CONCEPCION MOST OF WHOM DO NOT HAVE NATIONAL STATUS. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS POINT WHETHER DETENTION OF CAMPOS ET AL. WAS LARGELY THE IDEA OF LOCAL INTENDENTE OR DIRECTED FROM SANTIAGO. WE ASSUME PLAINSCLOTHESMEN INVOLVED WERE FROM INVESTIGACIONES OR CNI. EMBASSY INTENDS TO PROTEST CAMPOS DETENTION AND SEARCH OF AID VEHICLE.

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